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Executive Commissioner

Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services **2018 Counselor Application Information**

Texas Health and Human Services Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services needs counselors, junior counselors and activity leaders for Camp SIGN.

Camp SIGN, a week-long program, provides an environment of acceptance and encouragement for girls and boys, ages 8 to 17, who are deaf or hard of hearing regardless of their communication mode. Camp SIGN strives to reduce the isolation often felt by people who are deaf or hard of hearing by offering a place to socialize with others who communicate in a similar way.

If you are interested in working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing or want to develop your leadership skills, Camp SIGN may be the place to start.

Camp SIGN is held at Camp Misty Meadows in Conroe, Texas, which is owned and operated by the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Inc. Activities offered may include: swimming, archery, arts and crafts, horseback riding and theater.

Application Process

To apply for a position at Camp SIGN, submit the following materials to DHHS by May 4:

- Completed Camp SIGN application for counselors
- Copies of specialized training certificates, if any
- Copy of your valid state driver's license or government ID
- Resume
- Fair credit report (for criminal background check)

Staff application packages received after the established deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

Mail completed application package to:

Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services: Camp SIGN PO Box 12904
Austin, TX 78711

Or email DHHS.Training@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Counselor Expectations

Camp counselors serve as role models for the campers at all times and should demonstrate appropriate behavior, personal dress and grooming. Staff members are expected to exhibit a high degree of dedication and teamwork. Learn more about <u>counselor expectations online</u>.

Smoking, using illegal substances and consuming alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on camp grounds and will lead to dismissal and possible arrest.

Counselors must be available for the entire period from Aug. 4 to Aug. 11, 2018. New and former Camp SIGN staff members will be contacted when the orientation and training date has been determined.

Note: Your application for a counselor position at Camp SIGN will be evaluated based on your qualifications in relation to the job duties described above. You must list all experience and qualifications — such as archery, lifeguard experience, first aid, CPR or related health safety training — and provide copies of certificates or credentials. For the essay portion of the application, provide all job duties you are qualified to perform.